

NEWS OF THE WEEK

Storm Does Immense Damage in the South—Grover Cleveland is Sick—Saloons Closing in the East—Snake Poison for Medicine.

STORM KILLS HUNDREDS:—A terrible wind and rain storm which swept over Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee last Friday resulted in more damage than any of its kind in this country in years. There were about 330 persons killed. Several whole towns were wiped out, the buildings torn down, and the streets washed away by the water and half the people killed. About fifteen hundred were hurt, some fatally and the damage to property, crops, and business is estimated at millions.

CLEVELAND SICK:—Grover Cleveland is seriously ill with stomach trouble at Lakewood, N. J., and his doctors are greatly worried.

EAST GOING DRY:—As a result of a temperance crusade which has been going on in the East for two years there will be about 2,000 saloon keepers who will have to hunt other jobs May 1. There is no whole state that has gone dry, but local option has spread rapidly and hundreds of communities are to be free after the date named.

SNAKE POISON FOR MEDICINE:—A little poison from one of the most dangerous snakes on earth a lancehead viper, was secured in New York last week to be used as medicine. It had taken years of work to catch the snake, and had cost thousands of dollars. After all the cost, trouble and risk, the doctors got only a third of a teaspoonful of the poison. This will be used in medicine for insane people and in similar cases, and there is enough to meet all the demands of the doctors for fifty years. The largest dose ever administered is one ten-thirtieth of a grain (a honey bee weighs three grains) and it is very seldom that the doctors dare give so much as that. If any one of us ever have to take any of that kind of medicine it will be some that came from that very snake.

BRITISH PREMIER DEAD:—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, who recently resigned as premier and real ruler of England died last Wednesday.

WAR SHIP SUNK:—Thirty six members of the crew of the British second class cruiser Gladiator were drowned last Friday when the warship sunk after being run into by the St. Paul, a passenger boat. The passenger boat which had several hundred people on board nearly sunk, too. The vessels were both moving in a fog, and as the British government paints its warships a dark gray the men on the other vessel did not see the Gladiator till she was too near to be missed.

A MEAN GIFT:—During the war between England and the United States in 1812 there was only one important fight between ships which was not won by the U. S. That was the fight between the Shannon and the Chesapeake when Capt. Lawrence made his famous command: "Don't give up the ship." The Shannon's flag was taken to London and was recently sold at auction, and it was reported that an American had bought it. It now turns out that the "American" is W. W. Astor, a man who owns millions of dollars worth of property in New York and gets his whole income there but finds America too "common" for him, and has become an English citizen. He has given the flag to a British museum, as an insult to the country where he was born. Even the English people are hissing him for the act.

VILLAGE BURIED:—A landslide in Ontario, Canada, blotted out the village of Notre Dame de Salette, and buried alive thirty of the inhabitants.

SHONTS DUKE DEAD:—The Duke de Chaulnes, who recently married for her money an American girl, Miss Theodora Shonts has died of heart disease within a few weeks of the wedding. The real cause of his death was a habit of taking drugs. He was badly in debt, and his widow gets off better than most of the American women who marry foreign noblemen.

But after all, let this be a fixed point with us, that our own reflection and judgment alone must determine how far we should receive that of which books and men inform us, and how far they are worthy of our assent and credit.—Isaac Watts.

POLITICAL NOTES

Taft Sure on First Ballot, Expert says—Importance of Negro Vote Brought Out—Hughes Hissed in N. Y. Legislature.

TAFT SEEMS SURE:—The most careful estimate yet published of the delegates to the National Republican Convention shows that Taft will win on the first ballot, almost beyond the shadow of a doubt, and leads "Raymond", the political expert of the Chicago Tribune, to predict that is what will happen. Raymond has a record of correct predictions which goes back for years, and his opinion is every where believed the best. He figures it up this way:—

So far there have been chosen 594 out of a total of 989 delegates. Of these Taft has 254, favorite sons have 240, 58 are uncertain and 42 contested. This does not count in Kentucky, which had not voted when he made his prediction. He fills out the table giving every chance to the opponents of Taft, and finds, for Taft 470, for favorite sons 292, contested 178 and uncertain 40. It takes 491 to be a majority. "Raymond" gave Fairbanks the Kentucky delegates, which have since gone for Taft, which gives Taft at least 22 more, or 492, one more than he needs. Also, in most cases where contests are possible the contest will not be carried thru. None of the favorite sons has made much headway outside his own state. Each has a delegate or two from outside, but no one has much strength, not any where near enough to make him dangerous to Taft. They now have Hughes, 87. Knox 68, Fairbanks, 34 LaFollette 25, Foraker 4. If any of them is going to beat Taft he will have to do something pretty quick.

THE NEGRO VOTE:—The importance which the colored vote will have in the next election is strikingly shown in figures published last week. They show that the negroes could control a good many states, and that if they were to really leave the Republican party there would be a pretty good chance of the Democrats winning. Fortunately, it is becoming clear that the disaffection among them has been greatly exaggerated, and that there will hardly be a colored man who will desert the tried friend of the race, the Republican party. They know too well that there is nothing but disfranchisement to be hoped for from the Democrats. The colored vote is about as follows. You can figure out for yourself what it would mean to have it leave the party:—In Kentucky, 74,728, Maryland 60,406, Missouri, 46,418, Oklahoma 13,973; Pennsylvania, 51,668; N. Y., 31,425; Ohio, 31,225; Ill., 29,763; New Jersey, 21,474; Indiana, 18,186; West Virginia, 14,786; Kansas, 14,695; Massachusetts, 10,459. Of course some of these states are Democratic anyway, and some are too strongly Republican to be bothered, but if all negroes voted the Democratic ticket, they would make a good deal of difference.

HUGHES BEATEN:—The New York legislature finally adjourned without taking any action on the Hughes anti-race track bills, and when in the last hours of the session some one called for three cheers for Hughes there were mostly hisses and catcalls.

STATE GOES FOR TAFT

The Republican primaries and county conventions held last Saturday have put Kentucky where it belongs—in the Taft column. The Taft managers are now claiming that Fairbanks will get only two votes from the state, and while two others are doubtful, it is almost sure that there will be only four at the most. The state convention will be entirely in the hands of the Taft men from the start, and the there have been contests made by the Bradley-Fairbanks men where ever there was a chance for one and in lots of places where there was not there is no reason to doubt that Taft will have a big majority to the end. According to the estimate of the Louisville Herald Taft will have surely 594 votes, Fairbanks 588 contested 681 and uninstructed 183. In most of the contested districts Taft men got the regular delegates and the Fairbanks men bolted, so it seems sure that Taft will have every thing his own way.

One of the striking things about the election seems to have been the defeat of Bradley. A great many people felt that he had gone too far in

HOLD UP THE STANDARD!

For many years the Republican party in this state has been the champion of fair elections, and has declared that good government can only come from finding the real wish of the people and obeying it. It has denounced the Democratic party for frauds committed at elections, it has denounced the fraudulent primary by which Beckham was chosen for Senator, and has denounced the men who permitted such things to be done. And because of those very things thousands of good Democrats joined it and carried it to victory last fall.

And it has been right—no words can be too strong in speaking of the man or men or party that steals elections, that defrauds the people of their right to run the government, that uses force or bribery or cheating at the polls to get control.

And now it is admitted by the best men in the Republican party that things were done in Louisville and in other places last Saturday which are as bad as anything the Democrats have ever done. Thugs and repeaters were used to pile up a big vote; ballot boxes were stuffed, returns were falsified, and in every other way, trickery and deceit and plain theft and the worst of the methods charged against the Democrats were used to win victory for certain leaders—not at all to find out the will of the people.

The Citizen has favored Taft, and is sorry to say that the men working for him were apparently as guilty as those on the other side. There seems to have been no difference in method—only one of power.

It is hardly possible to reckon up all the harm that was done. In the first place it has made the endorsement of Taft, which could have been clean and unmistakable, dirty and uncertain, and Bradley and his crowd can still claim that but for unfair methods they would have won. The Citizen does not believe this is true—it believes that the majority of the people of the state are for Taft and that a clean election would have shown it. But the victory is spoiled.

But the greater loss is in the reputation of the party. How, now, can we protest against Democratic unfairness, when we're not fair even with ourselves? How can we demand fair elections and fair districts, and fair counts? And who is there to fight for good government in the state with both great parties dirtied and blackened with the same crimes? And how can the party hope to appeal again to those independent voters, to those reform Democrats whose votes decided the last election, when every charge that has been made against the worst of the Democratic ring can be made against the Republicans? It looks as if we would have to wait till Democratic misrule has become unendurable again before we have another Republican administration.

The Citizen believes that the hope of this grand old state lies with the Republican party, but that hope cannot be with a party which will do such things as have been done within the week or with the leaders who have had such things done. It is time for the good members of the party to get together and throw out the rascals, and to make the party live up to its professions and its platform, for only by making this the party of honest men and honest elections can Republicans ever hope to win permanent strength in a state with men like the ones of Kentucky.

trying to make himself "boss" of the whole state and have failed to respond to his appeal to his friends. People who heard his speeches say that he said three words for Bradley to one for Fairbanks, and the people have refused to vote on so big a question with so small a reason as a liking for one man.

Only the first and second districts seem to be in doubt, even the 11th, where such claims have been made, gave big Taft majorities. It has been made evident that the question has been simply whether Bradley could get the people to give up their real belief in Taft because he told them to. They wouldn't and that's all.

It is too bad that there should be any charges of fraud in regard to the voting, but Bradley and his friends have raised that cry, where they were beaten and the Taft men make the same charges in places where Bradley won. The Louisville Herald declares that the methods in Louisville were shameful, and that both sides were equally guilty, while the Bradley men say that in Lexington there was fraud because colored Republicans were there and voted for Taft. Many of the charges seem to have been true and the fact that such things were done has hurt the party more than the losing of an election or the nomination of the wrong man would have.

Fortunately the state convention will be in the hands of the state central committee and the characters of the men who are in control, and who have taken no active part in the county fights, gives hope that the imitation of the Democrats will not be carried as far as to try Music Hall methods.

MADISON CONVENTION

The Madison County Republican Convention met in Richmond Saturday at one p. m. and after a harmonious meeting adopted resolutions endorsing the present administration, instructing the delegates to the State Convention to vote for Taft instructions, and the delegates to the district Convention to vote for Waller Bennett for delegate to the National Convention. About four hundred men were present, crowding the court room to the limit, and the prediction that there would be a fight for Fairbanks was unfounded. The question of the discharge of the colored troops for the shooting up of Brownsville, Tex., was pretty thoroughly discussed, and at the close there was hardly a voice against the resolutions, while several speakers declared that in the Fall

the colored people would be found with their tried friend, the Republican party. Several misunderstandings as to the attitude of Mr. Taft, which had been spread around by interested persons, were cleared up, and the party in Madison is now in fine shape for the fall campaign.

The convention was called to order by County Chairman E. T. Burnam, and after the selection of Messrs. Smith and Frost, editors of the two Republican papers of the county as secretaries, Mr. John Greider nominated Mr. T. S. Burnam as chairman, the election being unanimous. After a short speech Mr. Burnam, on motion of Mr. Waller Bennett appointed the following committee on Resolutions:—C. F. Burnam, J. W. Caperton, Emmet Embury, W. C. Bennett, E. C. Seale, D. P. Black, James White, James Jones, and George W. Parkes. As James White was not present J. O. Whitaker was appointed to fill the vacancy.

While the resolutions were being prepared State Senator A. R. Burnam was called on for a speech, and made a fine address on happenings during the legislative session and the attitude and availability of the different presidential candidates. He was loudly applauded when he closed to give way for the resolutions, which were read by Major C. F. Burnam, and were as above outlined. Major Burnam spoke on the resolutions, with all his old eloquence in spite of his age. Following him were several speeches on both sides of the question, the most important ones being Col. Caperton, who settled any doubt any one present may have had about Mr. Taft, and A. W. Titus who had read in some Democratic papers stories reflecting unjustly on Pres. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft and had failed to see the denials of them. After his speech the resolutions were adopted without a dissenting vote. Mr. Waller Bennett made a short and apt speech, and the convention adjourned. The resolutions adopted were as follows:—

The Republicans of Madison county, assembled in convention April 25, 1908 adopt these resolutions:

First. We approve the call of the Congressional District Convention to be held at Shelbyville on the 5th day of May 1908, and the State Convention to be held at Louisville on May 6th, 1908, and the persons hereinafter named are appointed delegates to represent us in these conventions.

Second. We instruct our delegates to the convention at Shelbyville to vote for Waller Bennett and Robert

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GAY PRECINCT CHAIRMAN

The election for Republican precinct chairman and member of the county committee, which was held at the Court House in Richmond Saturday morning was one of the most hotly contested in years, and, in spite of a bold attempt to "run a shot" over a majority of the Republicans, resulted in the election of John Gay and a precinct committee opposed to W. J. Tatum.

Over a hundred Republicans from Berea went and waited for the call of the convention which was expected to be in the court room. While most of the men were gathering there Mr. Tatum called the convention outside, and without even taking the trouble to choose a temporary organization or go thru the usual preliminaries, was "elected" chairman. The trick was discovered in a minute and was immediately denounced in unmeasured terms by the majority of those present. Mr. Tatum arbitrarily refused to entertain motions to rescind the action and hold a fair election as he saw that his defeat was sure if he did so, and finally the crowd became very angry. The situation was becoming dangerous when Mr. John Gay stepped into the breach and called for harmony in a fine speech. Following this he was himself nominated for chairman, and both Mr. Tatum and Mr. W. G. Nicely, who had been the reform candidate, agreed to withdraw in the interests of harmony and for the good of the party. Mr. Gay was then elected without opposition, tho the followers of Mr. Tatum mostly refused to vote.

The five members of the precinct committee were then elected by acclamation, after the nominees of the Tatum crowd had been dropped from the ballot by the reform element, who were in undoubted control. The election shows clearly that the best people of the town can run the politics if they will take the trouble and prevent such exhibitions of unfair party management as have been seen lately. It is hoped that this will lead to permanent reform, and also that the election of a compromise candidate will bring a better feeling in the party than could have come from the success of either regular candidate.

One of the most pleasant features of the rather unpleasant affair was the way that leading town and college citizens worked together for the elimination of what has been a disgrace to the town. To judge by the results Saturday, there is little difference between what the best people want and a little more acquaintance would result in a great deal better feeling with good results for

MONEY TALKS

How One Rich Man Got His Start

Most people find it easier to get money than they do to keep it after they get it. In order to save money, you need to have a plan and then stick to your plan.

A man who is now very rich and Mayor of one of our large cities started life a poor boy, and this is the plan he used to make himself rich.

On Monday he would drop a dime into a small box. Tuesday morning, he would put in twenty cents, Wednesday he would drop in thirty cents, and so on through the week, until Saturday he would put sixty cents into his box, and the box would have two dollars and ten cents in it.

He did this every week living on what he had left out of his earnings. When he had five or ten dollars in the box, he took it to the bank, and deposited it in a savings account at interest.

It was not many years until he had enough laid by to start him in business, and he is now a rich man. But he would never have been able to make his start in business if he had not begun by saving his dimes when he was a poor boy.

We are waiting to help you to save money, and the four per cent compound interest which we add to your savings will make them grow faster.

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the town and all of us.

This is the Republican Count Precinct Committee for the next four years:—John Gay, Chairman; J. W. Stephens, G. D. Holliday, John Ballard, E. C. Seale and John Fowler.

IN OUR OWN STATE

INDICTING NIGHT RIDERS:—The fight against the night riders in the far end of the state goes on, and nearly a hundred have been indicted. It is probable that the cases will all be transferred to some counties where the accused men have no friends, and there are pretty good hopes of a lot of convictions. The night riders are beginning to show that they are afraid, and several of them have confessed and will testify against the rest.

PHOENIX HOTEL FIRE:—A fire in the Phoenix, Lexington's most famous hotel, on Friday, caused a panic among the guests and they all rushed out into the streets. There was no serious damage.

"Right is right, since God is God; And right the day must win, To doubt would be disloyalty, To falter would be sin."



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